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TO: School Food Authority (SFA) Administrators/Food Service Managers

FROM: Christine Emerson, Director
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SUBJECT: Nondiscrimination Statement

The Office of Public Instruction has received inquiries as to whether the USDA nondiscrimination statement must be included on school menus. It is not necessary for the statement to be included on information regarding school menus and nutrition education. The statement only needs to be included when materials contain information regarding School Nutrition Program benefits.

As a reminder, the statement reads as follows:

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.D. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-9564 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If the material is too small to permit the full statement, the material will, at a minimum, include the following statement in print no smaller than the text.

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If you have additional questions, please contact Holly Humphrey, School Nutrition Programs Specialist at e-mail: hhumphrey@state.mt.us and phone: (406) 444-4413.